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- In re Patent application of)
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For: TWEEZERS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please add:

a1 This is a National Phase patent application based on PCT/CH00/00441 filed 18 August 2000 which in turn is based on EP Application No. 99810749.4 filed 20 August 1999, the priority being claimed.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub Please cancel claims 1-10 and replace with new claims 11-25, as follows:

a2 b1 11. (New) A tweezer having a longitudinal dimension and comprising two legs extending along said longitudinal dimension and being connected with each other at